(c) if so, what action has been taken against the Reliance Industries Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. In view of the decision taken on 10.6.86 not to permit the conversion into shares of non-convertible debentures and non-convertible portion of partially convertible debentures, M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. were permitted to convert the E and F series non-convertible debentures.

(b) The Government are not aware of any such action

(c) Does not arise.

Vacancies of directors in the banks

1639. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacancies of non-Government Directors on the nationalised banks as on 31st August, 1987;

(b) since when these vacancies have been existing; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On the basis of maximum number of non-official Directors that could be appointed on the Boards of Nationalised Banks 174 positions were vacant as on 31-8-1987. Most of the vacancies have arisen on various dates since January, 1985. The process of identifying suitable persons for these vacancies is continuing.

Accident Benefit Scheme for LIC

1640. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Life Insurance Corporation has started Accident Benefit Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the Scheme a person must die within 90 days of an accident to recover accident benefit claims;

(c) whether the LIC has rejected several claims made after 90 days of the death of the Accident Benefit Scheme; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the time limit of 90 days to 120 days to enable several policy holders to take advantage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Double accident benefit is offered by LIC to its policyholders on payment of nominal additional premium. The double accident benefit claims is payable by the Life Insurance Corporation of India, only if the death solely due to accident, occurs within 90 days of the date of accident.

(c) Data relating to the rejection of double accident benefit claim due to death after 90 days from the date of accident are not available.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the LIC.

Cycle rickshaw drivers in Delhi

1641. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cycle rickshaws are allowed to ply within the walled city of Delhi,

(b) whether it is also a fact that these cycle riskshaw drivers have to obtain medical certificates;

(c) whether they have to approach a veterinary Doctor for obtaining medical certificate; and

(d) if so, what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI